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**CONFIRMATION NO. 2239** 

**FORMALITIES LETTER** 

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#### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• Additional claim fees of \$158 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1058 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$158
  - \$86 for 1 independent claims over 3.
  - \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts

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A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

•	In re A	Applicati	on of:	Ulrich Steinseifer	)	)				
	U.S. A	pplicati	on No.:	10/669,890	)	) ) (	Confirmation No.: 2239			
•	Filed:	Septem	iber 25,	2003	)	) )	Group Art Unit: 3731			
•	For:	MECH VALV		AL HEART	) )	) ) )	Examiner: unassigned			
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	RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS									
	1.	This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed <u>December 30, 2003</u> . A copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed.								
•		In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be processed and retained, and Applicant files the requisite <u>retention</u> fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l).								
	2.	Declaration Or Oath								
			No De	claration or Oath was	filed. Enclo	ose	ed is an executed Declaration.			
			The declaration or oath which was filed was determined to be defective. A new original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.							
	3.	English	sh Translation of Non-English Language Papers							
٠			Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.							
			Also e	nclosed is the Verifica	tion of Tran	ısl	ation Document.			
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4. '	Small	<b>Entity</b>	Status
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Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is asserted for the present application.

# 5. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total months requested	Fee for extension	[fee for Small Entity]
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
I five months	\$2010.00	\$1005.00

Extension of time fee due with this Response: \$1005.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, in the event
Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for
extension of time, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension and requests
that any fee therefor be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

# 6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.	and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation

### 7. Fee Calculation

	Basic Fee: Patent Application—\$740.00 Design Application—\$330.00			\$740.00	
	Number Filed	Number Extra	At A Rate Of		
Total Claims	24	4	\$18.00 each =	+\$	
Independent Claims	4	1	\$84.00 each =	+\$	
Multiple dependent claim(	(s), if any		\$280.00	+\$	
Missing Parts Surcharge I	\$130.00	+\$			
		SI	UBTOTAL =	\$	
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Fee for Application filed with a non-English Specification (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(i) and 1.52(d)) \$130.00					
Fee for processing and retention of Application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(I) and 1.53(d))			\$130.00	\$130.00	
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	The fees due are:		Processing and Ret Five month Extens		\$130.00 \$1005.00		
			<b>Total Fee Due</b>		\$1135.	00	
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hereby aut pendency			this application incle required, or credit	o charge any adouding fees due u	ditional inder 37	fees during the entire C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1	
9.	Addition	•	closed.  Amendment of Drawings with	sheets of drawi	ngs;	figures	

Submission of Drawings with \_\_ sheets of drawings; \_\_ figures
Claim for Priority
Certified copy of priority document
Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)
PTO Form-1449 (no references provided)
Declaration of Biological Deposit

Respectfully submitted,

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